

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0068] which appears at page 5 of the published application and which corresponds to the paragraph beginning on page 15, lines 22 through 24, of the application as filed, as follows:

Fig. 13 is a diagram showing the aligned amino acid sequences of the cassava (*Manihot esculenta*)-derived SHNL (SEQ ID NO.: 2) and of the Pará rubber tree (*Hevea brasiliensis*)-derived SHNL (SEQ ID NO.: 4).